

## --- 1875 - Montreal Division - BOXES - Vertical 60 x 112 mm. ---

Chris Ryan, "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 39, May 2002

"The CADDY excise stamp was redesigned in 1871, with the first delivery by BABN occurring at the end of July. ... BOXES stamps were added later in red (pre-October 1873) and in black (post-October 1873). Initially and predominantly, these new upright rectangular stamps were printed from steel plates, with some later production by lithographic transfers. In September 1874 the Revenue Department authorized the preparation of the first Division-specific stamps for manufactured tobacco. These stamps bear the printed name of the Revenue Division and signature of its Collector in the spaces previously left blank to be filled in by hand or rubberstamp. The first of these personalized stamps were prepared for use in Montreal and Toronto. It is surmised that similar stamps for other Divisions were subsequently introduced overtime as warranted by numbers used."

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The Lee Brandom catalogue should list the vertical black "BOXES" stamps as follows:

**RM-171** - BOXES, black, Montreal, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, 5 mm. controls, inscribed *Dunbar Browne*  
**RM-174** - BOXES, black, Toronto, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, 5 mm. controls, inscribed *J. Morrow*. **WANTED!**

in 1880, they were surcharged (reading up) in upper and lower case letters **Not to cover more than 110 lbs.**

**RM-216** - BOXES, black, Montreal, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, 5 mm. controls, inscribed *Dunbar Browne*

**RM-217** - BOXES, black, Montreal, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, 5 mm. controls, inscribed *Dunbar Browne*  
stamped *J.L. Vincent / Coll.*

**RM-229** - BOXES, black, Toronto, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, 5 mm. controls, inscribed *J. Morrow*. **WANTED!**

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Chris Ryan, "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 40, December 2002

"Passage of the 1880 Statute affected the 'large' tobacco stamps in two significant ways. The first effect was the deletion of the reference on the stamps to the previous Statute **XXXI VICT. - CAP. VIII**. On July 1st 1880, BABN was instructed by the Revenue Department to remove all references to the old Statute from the existing printing plates. ... The second effect was the overprinting of the Box stamps with the new weight limit of **one hundred and ten pounds**. ... The timing of this overprinting, which is known reading both up and down in different type faces and colours, has not yet been determined by this writer. Lee Brandom lists a red BOXES stamp with **XXXI VICT. - CAP. VIII** removed, and without the weight restriction added. However, the price quoted by Brandom for this stamp indicates that he thought it to be a very rare item. This extreme scarcity is perhaps an indication that the decision to overprint the weight limit was made soon after the new design of BOXES stamp had been prepared."

Thus **RM-217** was prepared between the time that *J.L. Vincent* was appointed Collector on May 1st 1879 and the Revenue Department instructions of July 1st 1880. The CADDY stamps *were not* overprinted for use at 110 pounds, since a Caddy had a weight limit of twenty-five pounds.

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### 2nd BABN Contract (1873-1878 )

John McKay records that 35,000 *recess printed* copies of "Black Boxes" were 'delivered'. It would seem, from the extant copies of the "Toronto" Division, that most if not all of these were for "Montreal". To date, the Division "Open" black BOXES stamps exist only as plate or die proofs.

### 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)

John McKay further records that another 15,000 *recess printed* "Black Boxes" were 'delivered'.

35,000 + 15,000 = 50,000 'delivered'

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--- RM-171 - Montreal Division - “BOXES” - 2nd BABN Contract (1873 - 1878) ---

--- recess printed in BLACK on block watermarked horizontal mesh thick wove ---

--- perforated 12 - with 5 mm. blue controls - 60 x 112 mm. - scanned at 75% scale ---

--- with “S. M. Return No.” ..... on the 4th line - inscribed *Dunbar Browne / Collector I.R.* ---

The catalogue lists this vertical black “BOXES” stamp as follows:

RM-171 - BOXES, black, Montreal, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, 5 mm. controls, inscribed *Dunbar Browne*



★RM-171n - BOXES, Montreal, black, perforated 12, *without* control numbering,  
recess printed on *block watermarked* thick wove

★RM-171 - BOXES, Montreal, black, perforated 12, with 5 mm. blue control **01968**,  
recess printed on *block watermarked* thick wove

<b>01648★</b>	11/75	RM-171	BOXES, Montreal, black, on block wmkd wove, for 80 lbs., by Licensee # 11, excised 11 / 9 / 75, S.M. Return No. 5 / 75 ??
<b>01787</b>	05/75	RM-171	BOXES, Montreal, black, on block wmkd wove, for 22 lbs., by Licensee # 4, excised 22 / 75, S.M. Return No. 6 / 75
<b>01789</b>	05/75	RM-171	BOXES, Montreal, black, on block wmkd wove, for 22 lbs., by Licensee # 4, excised 22 / 75, S.M. Return No. 6 / 75
<b>01801</b>	05/75	RM-171	BOXES, Montreal, black, on block wmkd wove, for 42 lbs. of Cavendish, by Licensee # 4, excised 22 / 75, S.M. Return No. 6 / 75
<b>01834</b>		RM-171	BOXES, Montreal, black, on block wmkd wove
<b>01839</b>		RM-171	BOXES, Montreal, black, on block wmkd wove
<b>01841</b>		RM-171	BOXES, Montreal, black, on block wmkd wove
<b>01986★</b>		RM-171	BOXES, Montreal, black, on block wmkd wove

--- RM-217 - Montreal Division - "BOXES" - 2nd BABN Contract (1880) ---

--- recess printed in BLACK on block watermarked horizontal mesh thick wove - perforated 12 ---

--- "S. M. Return No." ..... on the 4th line - 5 mm. blue controls - 60 x 112 mm. ---

--- inscribed *Dunbar Browne* / *Collector I.R.* - stamped *J.L. Vincent / Coll.* - scanned at 75% scale ---

--- overprinted in 1880 in 3 mm. letters **Not to cover more than 110 lbs.** reading vertically up---

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Chris Ryan reports that *J.L. Vincent* became the *Collector* at Montreal on July 1st 1879, succeeding *Dunbar Browne* who was in office from June 1st 1874 to January 31st 1879. In 1879 *Vincent* had served as *Acting Collector* during the six month interim.

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The catalogue lists these vertical black "Montreal" BOXES stamps - overprinted in 1880 with upper and lower case letters **Not to cover more than 110 lbs.** (reading up) as follows:

**RM-216** - BOXES, black, Montreal, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, 5 mm. controls, inscribed *Dunbar Browne*

**RM-217** - BOXES, black, Montreal, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, 5 mm. controls, inscribed *Dunbar Browne*  
stamped *J. L. Vincent / Coll.*

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★**RM-217** - BOXES, Montreal, black, perforated 12, with 5 mm. blue control number **14311**,  
recess printed on *block watermarked* horizontal mesh thick wove,  
overprinted in 3 mm. Roman letters **Not to cover more than 110 lbs.** reading vertically up,  
and stamped *J. L. Vincent / Coll.*

14298	RM-217	BOXES, Montreal Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
14303	RM-217	BOXES, Montreal Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
14306	RM-217	BOXES, Montreal Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
14311★	RM-217	BOXES, Montreal Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
14318	RM-217	BOXES, Montreal Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
14339	RM-217	BOXES, Montreal Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
14356	RM-217	BOXES, Montreal Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
14368	RM-217	BOXES, Montreal Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove

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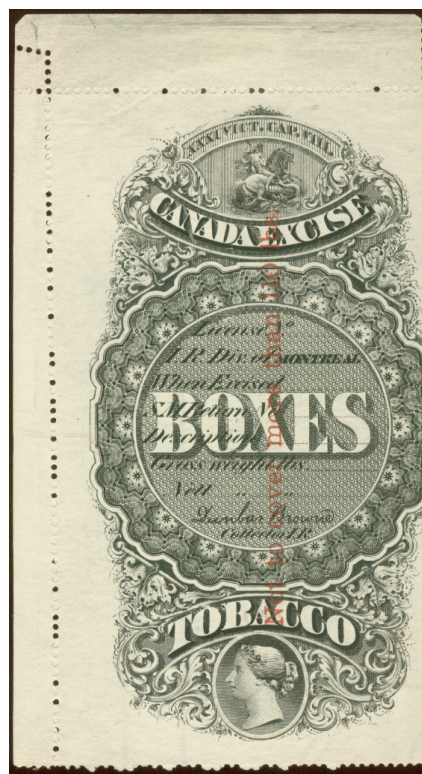
--- RM-216 - Montreal Division - "BOXES" - 2nd BABN Contract (1880) ---

--- recess printed in BLACK on *block watermarked* horizontal mesh thick wove - perforated 12 ---

--- "S. M. Return No." ..... on the 4th line - 5 mm. blue controls - 60 x 112 mm. - scanned at 75% scale ---

--- inscribed *Dunbar Browne* / *Collector I.R.* - with **Not to cover more than 110 lbs.** reading vertically up---

Judging by their control numbers, it would seem that the final copies of **RM-216** are remnants. They had been overprinted at the same time as **RM-217** with **Not to cover more than 110 lbs.**, but remained unused, and thus never received the purple *J.L. Vincent / Coll.* stamp when Dunbar Browne was replaced as Collector.



★ **RM-216** - BOXES, Montreal, black, perforated 12, with 5 mm. blue control **20014**,  
recess printed on *block watermarked* horizontal mesh medium wove,  
overprinted in 3 mm. Roman letters **Not to cover more than 110 lbs.** reading vertically up,  
inscribed *Dunbar Browne* - without the violet over-stamping

**RM-216n** - BOXES, Montreal, black, perforated 12, without control numbering,  
recess printed on *block watermarked* horizontal mesh medium wove,  
overprinted in 3 mm. Roman letters **Not to cover more than 110 lbs.** reading vertically up,  
inscribed *Dunbar Browne* - without the violet over-stamping - *from the collection of Fritz Angst*

<b>20014</b>	RM-216	BOXES, Montreal Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
<b>20019</b>	RM-216	BOXES, Montreal Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
<b>20022</b>	RM-216	BOXES, Montreal Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
<b>20037</b>	RM-216	BOXES, Montreal Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
<b>20042-43</b>	RM-216	BOXES, Montreal Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
<b>47-48</b>	RM-216	a block of four
<b>20065</b>	RM-216	BOXES, Montreal Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
<b>20068★</b>	RM-216	BOXES, Montreal Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
<b>20080</b>	RM-216	BOXES, Montreal Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove
<b>20084</b>	RM-216	BOXES, Montreal Division, perf 12, on block watermarked thick wove

--- control numbered copies recorded to date ---

<b>RM-171</b> - Montreal, black, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> wove - <i>Dunbar Browne</i>	- <b>01787</b> to <b>01986</b>
<b>RM-217</b> - Montreal, black, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> wove - stamped <i>J.L. Vincent / Coll.</i> overprinted <b>Not to cover more than 110 lbs.</b>	- <b>14298</b> to <b>14368</b>
<b>RM-216</b> - Montreal, black, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> wove - <i>Dunbar Browne</i> overprinted <b>Not to cover more than 110 lbs.</b>	- <b>20014</b> to <b>20084</b>
<b>RM-174</b> - Toronto, black, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> wove, 5 mm. controls - inscribed <i>J. Morrow</i>	- no numbered copies
<b>RM-219</b> - Toronto, black, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> wove, 5 mm. controls - inscribed <i>J. Morrow</i> , overprinted <b>Not to cover more than 110 lbs.</b>	- <b>00540</b> to <b>00677</b>

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